

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 31, 2022**

Council Members M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President; Michael Blue, Vice-President, Jessica Fitzwater, Jerry Donald, Kai Hagen, Phil Dacey and Steve McKay were present for the meeting.

Also present were Ragen Cherney, County Council Chief of Staff; Catherine Keller, Assistant County Attorney; Sarah Ambrosio, Recording Secretary; and Nancy Luna, Executive Assistant, County Council.

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Opening Statement from Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer provided an opening statement at the start of the meeting. Included in that statement was a welcoming to the Legislative meeting for Tuesday, May 31, 2022 and information on how to watch and participate in the meeting. President Keegan-Ayer called roll and a quorum was established for the meeting.

The meeting began with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action on the Agenda

Council Member Michael Blue moved to approve the agenda as presented with one edit, to hear item VI, (a) Water and Sewerage Plan Amendments – Fall 2021 Cycle to be heard before item V. (c) Update on Council Rules of Procedure. Council Member Jessica Fitzwater seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Public Comment was heard from:

- Helen Johnson

Business Items:

Budget Adjustments

- J-22-336 – Fleet Services, Public Works Division

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Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve Budget Adjustment J-22-336 as presented. Council Member Jerry Donald seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Approval of Minutes from May 10, May 17, May 24 and Closed Session Minutes from May 10, 2022

Council Member Jerry Donald moved to approve the minutes from May 10, May 17, May 24, and Closed Session Minutes from May 10, 2022, as presented. Council Member Michael Blue seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

2021 Fall Cycle - Water and Sewer Plan Amendments

Tim Goodfellow, Environmental Planner, Livable Frederick Planning & Design Office, Planning & Permitting Division presented information to the Council on the 2021 Fall Cycle of Water and Sewerage Amendments.

Those that were giving testimony for this issue were sworn in by Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer.

A public hearing was held, as duly advertised, on the 2021 Fall Cycle Water and Sewer Amendments.

WS 21-27

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Public comment was heard from:

- None

Council President Keegan-Ayer then closed the public record on this case.

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve Water and Sewer Case WS 21-27 to reclassify 1.04 acres from S-5 to S-4. Council Member Steve McKay seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

WS 21-29

Public comment was heard from:

- None

Council President Keegan-Ayer then closed the public record on this case.

Council Member Steve McKay moved to approve Water and Sewer Case WS 21-29 to reclassify 1.0 acres from W-5 to W-3. Council Member Michael Blue seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

WS 21-30

Public comment was heard from:

- None

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Council President Keegan-Ayer then closed the public record on this case.

Council Member Steve McKay moved to approve Water and Sewer Case WS 21-30 to reclassify 2 lots from W-1, S-1 to W-5, S-5. Council Member Kai Hagen seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

WS 21-31

Public comment was heard from:

- None

Council President Keegan-Ayer then closed the public record on this case.

Council Member Steve McKay moved to approve Water and Sewer Case WS 21-31 to reclassify 49 residential lots from W-1 to W-5, plus reclassification of 1.6-acre storm water open space parcel from W-1, S-1 to No Planned Service (water and sewer). Council Member Jessica Fitzwater seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

WS 21-32

Public comment was heard from:

- None

Council President Keegan-Ayer then closed the public record on this case.

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Council Member Steve McKay moved to approve Water and Sewer Case WS 21-32 to reclassify 8 properties to various water and sewer categories to reflect current development and infrastructure status. Council Member Jessica Fitzwater seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

WS 21-33

Public comment was heard from:

- None

Council President Keegan-Ayer then closed the public record on this case.

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve Water and Sewer Case WS 21-33 to reclassify 59 properties from No Planned Service (NPS) to Planned Service (PS). Council Member Jerry Donald seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

WS 21-34

Public comment was heard from:

- Mike Wiley (on behalf of applicant)
- Helen Johnson

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Council President Keegan-Ayer then closed the public record on this case.

Council Member Phil Dacey moved to approve Water and Sewer Case WS 21-34 to reclassify 10 acres from S-5 to S-3 and 50 acres from S-4 to S-3; Reclassification of 11 acres from W-5 to W-3 and 49 acres from W-4 to W-3. Council Member Jessica Fitzwater seconded the motion that passed 4-3.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald		X	
District 2 – McKay		X	
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen		X	
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

WS 21-35

Public comment was heard from:

- Mike Wiley (on behalf of applicant)
- Helen Johnson

Council President Keegan-Ayer then closed the public record on this case.

Council Member Phil Dacey moved to approve Water and Sewer Case WS 21-35 to reclassify 62 acres from W-4, S-4 to W-3, S-3. Council Member Jessica Fitzwater seconded the motion that passed 4-3.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald		X	
District 2 – McKay		X	
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen		X	
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

WS 21-36

Public comment was heard from:

- Bruce Dean

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Council President Keegan-Ayer then closed the public record on this case.

Council Member Steve McKay moved to approve Water and Sewer Case WS 21-36 to reclassify 325 acres from W-4, S-4 to W-3, S-3. Council Member Michael Blue seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

WS 21-37

Public comment was heard from:

- None

Council President Keegan-Ayer then closed the public record on this case.

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve Water and Sewer Case WS 21-37 to reclassify 0.96 acres from S-5 to S-4. Council Member Steve McKay seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Update on Council Rules of Procedure

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer discussed 12 proposed Amendments for a future vote on the Council Rules of Procedure.

Public Comment was heard from:

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- Helen Johnson
- Ed Wormald

Council Member Comments:

Council Member comments were provided.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President
County Council